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The prophet of hope

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Jeremiah: Prophet of Hope
Lesson for July 20, 1980
Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 31:23-33:26
Focal Passages: Jeremiah 32:8-10, 13-15; 33:12, 14-16
The Words of Consolation (Jer. 30-33)

A submarine went down in the chilly waters off the New England coast. Navy divers were called in to see if they could discover any sign of life within that potential underwater casket. As they swam around the hull they paused to listen for any sounds within. They detected a strange tapping. As they listened closely, they made out the sounds of the Morse Code. The coded message asked, "Is there hope?"

Jeremiah has been called a prophet of doom. It is true that his messages were filled with judgements and warning, but Jeremiah also mingled his judgments with hope for a brighter future.

God never issues judgment and warnings without adding a ray of hope for the future. The biblical narrative is full of God's intentions to bring about a reversal of the trends if the people of God continue to obey Him in the future.

The good news of Jeremiah is the fact that God is ultimately in control of the historical process. Though things looked bleak for the people in exile, God promised them a brighter tomorrow when they would return home to their native lands. (See 30:3)

In addition to the return home, God would establish a new covenant with his people. The former Sinai covenant had become so seriously breached, that a new covenant would not be written on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. This new covenant would become a reality with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. (See 31:31-34).

Stock in the Future (Jer. 32:8-10, 13-15)

Few people will invest money in a company that appears to be going down the tubes. Jeremiah preached hope at a time of national upheaval. Jeremiah was placed under house arrest during the seige of Jerusalem.

But even in the midst of imprisonment, Jeremiah demonstrated his confidence in God's promises. He purchased a tract of land just outside Jerusalem. What an impact this must have made upon the people in captivity.

It requires faith and boldness to move ahead in the midst of despair and seemingly hopelessness. Fear becomes a natural element in the face of uncertainty about the future. There is a saying that fits the actions of Jeremiah. "Faith is walking to the edge of darkness and taking one more step."

The Promise of Restoration (Jer. 33:12, 14-16)

Jeremiah did not make his purchase without some twinge of doubt. He questioned God concerning the wisdom of his actions. So the Lord heard Jeremiah and responded to his concerns. In these closing moments, God shares with Jeremiah the hopes for a brighter future.

Seventy years seems like a very long time to remain in captivity, and it is. The people were to raise families and plant crops, because they would not return until the seventy years had elapsed.

In this section we encounter God's promises of a Messiah. The language of Jeremiah certainly fits the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the people of God would be accepted and eventually returned to their home.

Christ is the ultimate hope for humanity. In him we see God's promise fulfilled Christ makes life bearable and gives us hope for a new world to come.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

Pastor Speaks

Win with God

By REV. J. BENNETT
No unfinished towers or unwon wars with God

In Luke's Gospel, chapter 14:28-32, Jesus illustrated the common problem of unfinished business with two brief parables: the parable of an impulsive farmer who began to build an elaborate farm-building but did not finish due to a lack of funds; the parable of a rash king who declared war on a nation but did not win due to a lack of soldiers and military power.

Unfinished business is the obvious problem in these parables, but what of the application to your life and mine? Traditionally, we have applied these parables to the Christian experience, saying that anyone who follows after Jesus Christ should first count the cost of that discipleship. And this seems to be the obvious application since Jesus Himself said: "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

However, there might be another application which isn't so obvious. When Jesus spoke these parables, the inevitability of the Cross loomed large on the horizon. Jesus has begun to tell the disciples of His impending suffering and death; and no doubt, He knew what the immediate reaction would be from the disciples as they witnessed His death. They would be frightened, puzzled, disappointed, and disillusioned, and ask questions like: "Was Jesus really the Messiah, and if so, why did He die . . . Does this mean the actually death of God Himself?" So, then, Jesus, who knew how these men would view the Cross, seems to be suggesting to them with these parables that **there is no unfinished business, no unfinished towers, and no unwon wars with God - the Cross would not mean the defeat of God Joseph Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ruhf of Johnstown, Pa. and Mr. Guy Dooley, Sr. and son, Joe Dooley of Anstead, West Virginia.**

He brings to a conclusion, and the sequel to the Cross would be the resurrection of God's Son from death and the grave!

In the light of this victory in Jesus Christ, I must confess that I am frustrated by the growing cynicism of Christian people today. Christians should be concerned about the world and the affairs of the world, but we should never allow ourselves to question the inevitability of the ultimate victory of the Kingdom of God. Even though things appear to the contrary, Christians know that the last page of human history has already been written: "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

And in Jesus Christ we have learned all we need to know about this Kingdom, and that is, it is better to reconcile than to divide, to serve than to dominate, to forgive than to take revenge, to be prayerful than to be anxious, to be humble than to be proud, to love than to hate. And this Christ of God invites all people to be participants of this ultimate victory of God; we are invited to follow after Him in a childlike faith, and to serve in a Kingdom that cannot be defeated!

With God, thre is no unfinished business, no unfinished tower, no unwon war. What He begins, He will bring to completion just as surely as the resurrection of Christ followed the Cross. And if we are truly Christian, we will believe that, and we will "go tell it on the mountains, over the hills . . . and tell it everywhere, that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Rummage set

The Vera Church of God will sponsor a rummage sale at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza, on Saturday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Small appliances, clothing, dishes and other miscellaneous items will be on hand for sale.

In addition, there will be home-baked goods on sale, made by the ladies of the church.

BIG FISH CATCH - The dry weather hasn't seemed to slow up the fisherman's luck on the James River. Pictured above with their estimated 35 to 40 pounds of catfish are Timmy Moore and Buster Moore of Concord, Mrs. Elmo Crews and grandsons, Michael and Howie Stern, visiting from Lynchburg.

Overton achieves

Marine Pvt. Robert L. Overton, son of Alvin L. Overton and Mary J. Miller of Route 1, Box 27B, Pamplin, Va., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Ackers is CF head

The Virginia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has announced that Mrs. Stella Ackers of Appomattox, Va. has accepted this year's chairmanship of the Fall Door-to-Door Campaign.

To help better educate the public about Cystic Fibrosis, the Congress of the United States has designated September 21-28 as National Cystic Fibrosis Week.

The financial results of this event will help support the Foundation's research program which is moving steadily ahead in the search for a control or cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

Being a genetic disease, there is one chance in four that the child born to parents with the CF gene will inherit the disease. Cystic Fibrosis is second only to cancer in the leading cause of death in children.

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Picnic planned

The Young Hearts Club will go to Old Rocks Club picnic grounds for their annual picnic, to be held July 24, at 11 a.m.

Picnic participants are being asked to bring their own plates, utensils and food. Everything else will be furnished by the club.

Members are asked to meet at Memorial United Methodist Church at 10:30 so everyone can have a ride.

Let's have a good crowd and good fellowship together.

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Miss Sprinkle weds Mr. Hamlett

The marriage of Miss Patricia Susan Sprinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baird Sprinkle of Charlotte Court House and Mr. Ralph Merritt Hamlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hugh Hamlett of Evergreen took place on June 28 at 7:00 in the evening in the Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church in Pamplin, Va. Rev. Millard Stimpson of Brookneal officiated in the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Charles Philip Sprinkle of Evergreen, the bride chose for her wedding, a formal empire style gown of chiffon georgette. The long tapered fitted sleeves and the bottom of the dress was edged in Alencon lace and appliqued with lace flowers. The matching cathedral length train was trimmed with the same matching lace. The three tiered bridal veil of illusion, also in cathedral length was trimmed with dainty silk flowers with seed pearl centers. She carried a cascading bouquet of yellow and white daisies and baby's breath.

Mrs. Kenneth Hamlett of Pamplin was her sister's matron of honor and Miss Donna Hamlett of Evergreen, sister of the groom was junior bridesmaid. They wore matching yellow floral floor length gowns of Cre'pe and yellow wide brimmed picture hats with streamers that matched their dresses.

Bridesmaids were Miss Anne Marie Sprinkle of Charlotte Court House, sister of the bride and Miss Eva Hamlett of Evergreen, sister of the groom. They wore identical floor length gowns of green floral print cre'pe and wide brimmed green picture hats with streamers that matched their dresses. The bridal attendents all carried bouquets of yellow carnations and ferns and baby's breath.

The best man was Mr. Lawrence Hamlett of Pamplin, brother of the groom. Ushers were Mr. Kenneth Hamlett of Pamplin, brother of the groom, Mr. Douglas Graham of Pamplin, friend of the groom and Master John Sprinkle of Prospect, nephew of the bride.

Miss Lisa Bryant of Cullen, provided traditional wedding music at the piano.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hamlett of Pamplin.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Shane Flyn of Keysville, Va.

After a southern wedding trip the couple will reside in Pamplin.

EDELTRAUD SILBEREIS AND PETRA SCHEIDIG of Nurmberg, Germany have been recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Charlie C. Moore in Gladstone.

German visitors in area

Edeltraud Silbereis and Petra Scheidig of Nurmberg, West Germany visited in the home of Mrs. Charlie C. Moore of Gladstone, Va.

Petra is the niece of Leslie D. Moore of Newport News and the late Gertraud Moore.

Barbara and Timmy Downey of Christiansburg joined the family for the week.

The group visited Luray, Natural Bridge and the National Historical Park at Appomattox.

Lindy Freeman and Jack Martin escorted Miss Scheidig and Miss Silbereis on an old-fashioned hay ride. Tobacco, since it isn't grown in Germany, was of great interest to the German natives.

After a visit to Washington, D.C. the young ladies returned to the home of Mr. Moore in Newport News.

Before leaving for Germany on July 25 Miss Silbereis and Miss Scheidig will visit Williamsburg and other points of interest in Virginia.

Julia Meade Cover

Miss Cover to wed Mr. Gallier

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cover of Lancaster, Va. announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Meade, to Michael Sterling Gallier of Dahlgren, Va.

Miss Cover is a 1978 graduate of Mary Washington College where she majored in mathematics. She is currently working as a mathematician at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Dahlgren.

Mr. Gallier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Richard Gallier of Appomattox, Va. He is a 1978 graduate of James Madison University, where he majored in mathamatics and minored in physics.

Mr. Gallier is presently working as a mathematician at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Dahlgren.

An August wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lawson

Miss Thayer is wed to Mr. Lawson

The marriage of Miss Sue Ellen Thayer to John S. Lawson took place Sunday morning at 11 a.m., at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haitzyk of Randallstown, Md., and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson of Appomattox.

The Rev. Forrest W. Oyler officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Miss Kay Paulette of Appomattox was maid of honor. Miss Rachel Lawson of Appomattox, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson, entertained with a reception in their home.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School. She is employed by Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School. He is employed by Transco, Appomattox.

After a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., the couple will make their home in Appomattox.

Society News

Mrs. A. A. Babcock and her house guest, Miss Barbel Prsibille of Alsenback, West Germany and Mr. Gery Dooley have returned from a visit with Byron Babcock of Virginia Beach.

Other recent guest of Mrs. Babcock include Mr. and Mrs. Dan Swafford of St. Joseph Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ruhf of Johnstown, Pa. and Mr. Guy Dooley, Sr. and son, Joe Dooley of Anstead, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phelps, Gaye, Susan and Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phelps, Angelia and Dawn and Mr. and Mrs. Enid Phelps have returned home after a camping trip on the Eastern Shore.

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Cecil Jacobs left Monday for Blacksburg, where he will attend a seminar on soil and water conservation at Virginia Tech.

His brother, Philip, returned Saturday after attending the school for the gifted at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg.

Cecil and Philip are the sons of William Jacobs and the late Lucile Moon Jacobs of Appomattox.

Announce birth

A reunion for the family of the late T. I. Williams will be held Sunday, July 7.

The event is scheduled to get underway at 12 noon in the Woodmen of the World building in Appomattox. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Cookout honors couple

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris entertained honoring Miss Susan Williamson and Mr. Arnold Phelps with a cookout at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Coleman on Wednesday night, June 11.

Approximately 25 people were present for the occasion.

The marriage of Miss Williamson to Mr. Phelps was an event of Saturday night, June 14, 1980.

Cookout honors couple

A cookout was given in honor of Miss Patricia Sprinkle and Mr. Ralph Hamlett on May 23 by Mr. and Mrs. Shane Flynn of Keysville and Miss Linda Newcomb of Farmville.

The couple was honored by a shower, given June 18 by employees of Craddock-Terry of Farmville.

Williams family plans reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew John Lucas of Richmond have announced the birth of a son, Andrew John Lucas, Jr., born July 4, 1980, in Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond. Mrs. Lucas is the former Mary Frances Goin of Appomattox.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. DeWitt T. Goin of Appomattox and the late Mr. Goin.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Lucas of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas also have a daughter, Andrea Lee, who is two years old.

Date set for wedding

Mr. James Melvin Garrette and Miss Margaret Louise Vaughan will be united in marriage on August 2, 1980 at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Evergreen Baptist Church at Evergreen, Virginia.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Dinner honors couple

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Fratrick, Kathy and Karen entertained at their home Sunday evening, July 13, with a dinner honoring Miss Peggy Mathews and Mr. Frank Graham.

The marriage of Miss Mathews to Mr. Graham will take place July 26 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Guests included Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathews, parents of the bride; Mrs. Ida Tyree of Altavista, paternal grandmother of the bride; John Mathews of Appomattox, brother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Greenwood of Richmond, sister and brother-in-law of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Booker of Altavista, aunt and uncle of the bride; and friends of the couple.

Golf tourney slated

A Captain's Choice Golf Tournament is scheduled at the Falling River Country Club for the weekend of July 26-27, 1980.

All members wishing to register may do so by signing up in the pro shop or by calling the pro shop (352-7037).

Members are urged to participate in this tournament as it is a fun tournament where all levels thigh and low handicaps of skill are needed.

Support your club and golf committee and sign up.

Bake sale planned

A bake sale will be held at the home of Mrs. Louise Harvey this Saturday.

Proceeds will go to benefit the usher's board of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

Woodmen of the World, Camp 71 will meet night at 7:30 for an initiation ceremony at the lodge hall.

All officers and drill team members are urged to attend.

Tolley gets one-holer

O. H. Tolley, Sr., of Pamplin celebrated Independence Day with a hole-in-one on the Ocean Course, Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head, S.C. July 4.

Tolley used a five-iron on the 161-yard 11th hole to drop the shot.

Playing with Tolley when he hit the hole-in-one were Mary Tolley, Dick Richardson, and Henry Richardson.

The shot was the first hole-in-one Tolley has ever recorded.

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